

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 16 are presently pending and subject to a requirement for restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-10 and 16 drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, an expression vector, a host cell, and a method of producing a polypeptide, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5, and class 435, subclass 320.1, 325, and 69.1; and

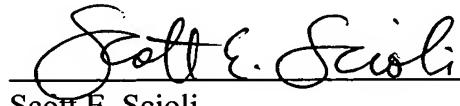
Group II, claims 12 and 13, drawn to a substantially pure histamine H4 receptor, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10 and 16, for further prosecution in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and early and favorable Notice to that end is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to resolve any outstanding issues prior to allowance. Applicants' representative may be contacted by telephone at 215-557-5985, or by facsimile at 215-568-3439.

Respectfully submitted

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